Progress of building and bridge works.

Q.—73. **Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA** (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of steel supplied to the Public Works Department for construction of buildings;

(*b*) the quantity of steel supplied to the Public Works Department for construction of bridges;

(*c*) whether it is true that work has been stopped on account of the fact that iron and steel could not be secured in time by this Department;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Engineers had gone to Bhadravathi Iron and Steel Works, a number of times for obtaining steel since it was not supplied to Hassan District?

A.—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) The total quantity of steel so far allotted to the Mysore Public Works Department for use on buildings is 350 tons for the calendar year 1952.

(*b*) The quantities of steel allotted to the Mysore Public Works Department for use on road and bridge works are 228 tons and 125 tons for the years 1951 and 1952, respectively.

(*c*) The progress of most of the building and bridge works is handicapped due to inadequacy of steel supplies made to Public Works Department on quota allotments from the Central Government and the delay involved in the procurement of steel from firms.

(*d*) The Executive Engineer, Hassan had been to Bhadravati twice on his way back from Shimoga where he had gone to attend the Meeting of Officers.

Extent of Relief to parts of Kolar District.

Q.—305. **Sri K. S. VASAN** (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the relief measures started and the extent of such relief made available to the affected people in parts of Kolar District which are affected by famine by relief centres organised by the Government and other organisations?

A.—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Due to the adverse seasonal conditions, the need to provide employment to the persons of the affected areas was felt as early as in September 1951 and relief works have been started in the Districts of Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug, parts of Bangalore and Mandya, as the effect of adverse conditions was felt in these areas to a great degree. A large number of works, to afford employment to as many people in the affected areas as possible, have been started. The details of the number of works and outlay incurred are noted below :—

District	No. of works in progress	Outlay incurred
Figures for 1951-52 (to end of March 1952).		Rs. a. p.
Kolar ...	247	75,980 3 1
Chitaldrug ...	15	15,374 0 0
Tumkur ...	6	3,165 4 0
Figures for 1952-53 (from 1st April to 31st May 1952).		
Kolar ...	638	2,98,529 15 0
Chitaldrug ...	28	31,107 15 0
Tumkur ...	51	52,875 4 0

The daily average expenditure on relief works in Kolar District is in the neighbourhood of Rs. 20,000. The amount spent up to 31st May 1952 is Rs. 2,98,529-15-0. Wages fixed in the first instance to the labourers employed on relief works have since been enhanced to Re. 0-12-0 per male cooly and Re. 0-10-0 for a fomale and a boy above twelve years of age. The rate of payment for earthwork has also been stepped up from Re. 0-10-0 per 1½ cubic yards to Re. 0-12-0 for one cubic yard, per adult.

An allotment of Rs. 6 lakhs has been distributed, from 1st April 1952, among the several districts for relief